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In re Application of: Examiner: Unassigned MASATO YAMANOBE, ET AL.

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The Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

STATUS INQUIRY

Sir:

On March 13, 1998, Applicants filed the aboveidentified patent application in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office with an unexecuted declaration.

To date, however, Applicants have not received a Notice to File Missing Parts of Application - Filing Date Granted from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.

It is respectfully requested that the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office issue a Notice To File Missing Parts Of Application -- Filing Date Granted in Application No. 09/041,639, indicating a filing date of March 13, 1998, and that prosecution of the present application be allowed to advance immediately.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010.

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Respectfully submitted $_{y}$

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